

## Are We Not Cats



Q: Why do ducks have flat feet?  
A: To stamp out forest fires.

## BlacDonalds



## News Flash

The RCMP have begun making arrests at the Unist'ot'en Camp in Wet'suwet'en territory, where activists have been trying to block construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline. Sleydo', a spokesperson for the nearby Gidimt'en Checkpoint, said, "It's time to rise up. It's time to stand up for all Indigenous people across Turtle Island. It's time to make it known that Indigenous people will not be oppressed any longer, that the RCMP can't come in and remove us from our territories, that they have no legitimacy on stolen Indigenous land."

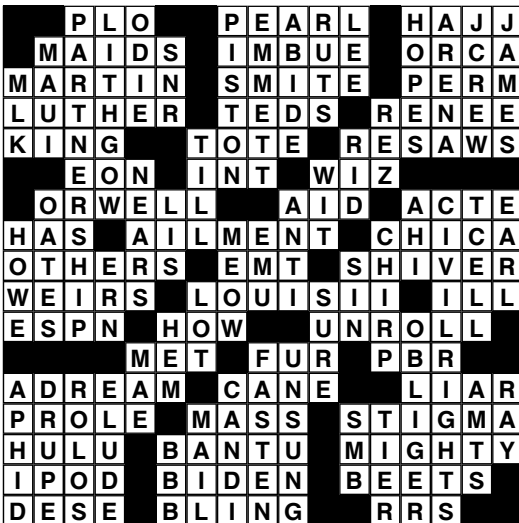
Thirteen Indigenous activists arrested last month in Victoria after a sit-in protest at the office of a cabinet minister have filed a formal complaint against Victoria police for causing physical injuries to some of the protesters during their arrest, including a bloody facial abrasion and a swollen hand and arm. Police initially claimed no injuries were sustained during the arrest, but are now instead trying to diminish their severity.

## Hints and Solutions

Some of the proper nouns appearing in the grid include Adlai, Ami, DMX, Dru, Edom, Etta, Gene, Meroë, Otto, Ren, Suh, Tse, Uhura, and Ute. Some abbreviations are formed from the words African, air, army, automatic, Black, conditioners, dialogue, didn't, emergency, Episcopal, hours, liberation, light, long, medications, Methodist, rail, read, replacement, rooms, tetrahydrocannabinol, transit, trinitrotoluene, and too; none of these appear in full in the grid.

The full solution to this issue's crossword will appear in the next issue of the *Barometer*, but if you do not wish to wait you can obtain a copy of the solution at Spartacus Books (see ad inside).

The source of the quotations on the front page is Joan Carol Jones (1929–2019), Black Canadian civil rights activist who advocated for the Black community in Halifax. She was a prominent member of the Congress of Black Women of Canada.



solution to January's crossword

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# THE EAST VANCOUVER BAROMETER

"Nobody uses it,  
but it's there"

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*It's Black History Month!*

Did you know that Al Hendrix, the father of famed guitarist Jimi Hendrix, was born in Vancouver in 1919? While Jimi himself was born and raised in Seattle, he frequently visited his grandmother Nora at her home in the Strathcona neighbourhood, which once was home to a vibrant Black community here in East Vancouver. Nora was a founder of the Fountain Chapel, an African Methodist Episcopal church on Jackson Avenue where she led the choir for many years, showing a love for music that she shared with her grandson.

Strathcona's Park Lane was a narrow, two-block stretch of road that hosted many businesses and organizations founded by Black community members and came to be known colloquially as Hogan's Alley. Vie's Chicken and Steak House, Mother's Tamale and Chili Parlour, and Rosa Pryor's Chicken Inn are some of the fondly remembered eateries owned and run by people of the Hogan's Alley community.

Unfortunately, Hogan's Alley fell victim to the "urban renewal" craze of the 1960s, which saw infrastructure projects used as a means of displacing and dispersing poor communities in cities across North America, and by 1972 Hogan's Alley had been razed to the ground in order to build the Georgia Viaduct. A related effort to replace Vancouver's Chinatown with a freeway was halted by community activists. Thankfully, "urban renewal" has gone out of fashion; it has been replaced with the much fancier "gentrification."

## Quotably Notable

Can you name the notable person who spoke the words below? (See back page for the answer.)

"It seems to me that if you are serving the Black community in Nova Scotia, you have to keep repeating yourself. You have to keep saying, 'This is hurting me, your school program is still inadequate.'"

"You see, you have to understand that there is an awful lot of institutional racism here. So when you say to me, 'Oh, it could have been a personal oversight or a slip of a pen,' I cannot accept that."

"It's part of our responsibility to educate, nurture, and bring along the next group that are going to have to deal with those things."

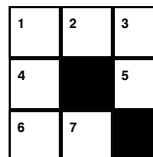
"I've heard [broadcasters] say that audiences won't accept people with accents or people with colour. . . . What do they do, run around the office and do a poll?"

"Young Blacks . . . are sometimes portrayed as plundering groups of demons . . . the image the media prefers to show when Blacks are involved in crime."

"And then the jazz world was the jazz world. And the people who were a part of totally free improvisation had very little work and it got involved with the Black Power movement."

## What's Happening!!

Spartacus Books has a book club! February's book is the science-fiction classic *The Dispossessed* by Ursula K. LeGuin. The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27th at 7 p.m. at Spartacus Books (3378 Findlay Street). Join the Facebook group Spartacus Book Club for updates!



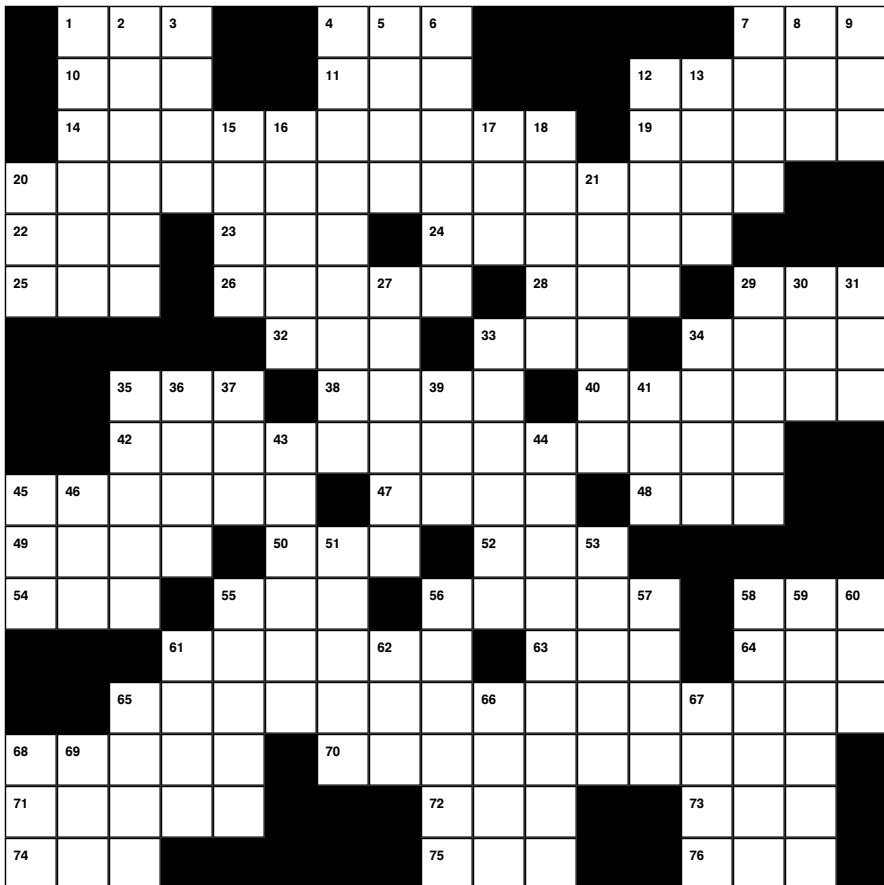
# CROSSWORD INSIDE!

## ACROSS

1. Astern  
4. Anti-scurvy vitamin

## DOWN

1. Obamacare: Abbr.  
2. Bad grade  
3. Cornholio's need  
7. C-flat



Stuck? Check the back page for hints!

## ACROSS

1. Cooling units: Abbr.
4. Tree goo
7. Praise in verse
10. Tampa Bay defensive end Ndamukong
11. “\_\_ -la-la”
12. “We want freedom. We want \_\_ to determine the destiny of our Black community.”
14. “We want education for our people that exposes the \_\_ of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.”
19. Roman tourist attractions
20. “We want all Black men to be exempt from \_\_.”
22. Christian denomination headquartered in Philadelphia: Abbr.
23. Roadrunner hazard: Abbr.
24. Add wealth
25. For each
26. “We want \_\_ to the robbery by the capitalists of our Black community.”
28. Squirrel habitat, sometimes
29. Militant grp. of the seventies
32. Suffix for “Gator” and “Power”

33. Singer who performed 2012’s “She Can Ride”
34. Transcontinental river
35. Bathroom cleaner Bon \_\_
38. “Anatomy of a Murder” director Preminger
40. “We want an immediate end to \_\_ brutality and murder of Black people.”
42. “We want \_\_ fit for the shelter of human beings.”
45. “We want freedom for all Black men \_\_ federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.”
47. Band who performed 1979’s “Highway to Hell”
48. “Viva \_\_ Vegas”
49. Interjection expressing disappointment
50. Rapper who performed 1999’s “Party Up (Up in Here)”
52. Cool J and Zamenhof, e.g.
54. Recreational footwear
55. Mao \_\_ Tung
56. “We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and \_\_.”
58. Omelette ingredient
61. \_\_ France: race
63. Morose
64. “We \_\_ the World”: USA for Africa song
65. Manifesto of the Black Panther Party, and the theme of this crossword

68. Nichelle Nichols role
70. “We want full \_\_ for our people.”
71. “We want all Black people when brought to \_\_ to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their Black communities, as defined by the constitution of the United States.”
72. Post-filming voice work: Abbr.
73. Maiden name identifier
74. Wavy line
75. The SkyTrain is an example: Abbr.
76. Asner and Gein, e.g.

## DOWN

1. “\_\_ Goes By”: Dooley Wilson song
2. Canadian athlete, perhaps
3. Feng \_\_
4. Began from
5. Museum-like
6. Hesitated
7. Boo-boo
8. Lion’s lounge
9. Urgent care facilities: Abbr.
12. Poke
13. Reaction to 12-Down
15. Singer James, who performed 1960’s “At Last”
16. Granny, to some
17. N.W.A.’s MC \_\_
18. Boo-boo
20. GPS predecessor
21. How one might send a parcel
27. Annual calculation
29. Naval jails
30. Mistassini ou Wiyāshākimi
31. Pub order
33. Napkin art
34. Forearm bone
35. Former ambassador Stevenson
36. Rx, usually
37. “Here” in Montreal
39. Brownie ingredient, perhaps: Abbr.
41. Frying necessity
43. Becomes
44. You could see one at the Rose Bowl or Jackie Robinson Stadium
45. Owns
46. Antler bearer
51. Kushite capital
53. Mel B, to the tabloids
55. Like many Nigerian languages
56. Snail mail correspondent
57. Ancient Levantine kingdom
58. Type of income, for tax purposes
59. Gets on one’s nerves
60. Precious stone
61. Prefix denoting 10<sup>12</sup> units
62. Poorly lit
65. New Zealand songbirds
66. “Could you summarize that for me?”: Abbr.
67. Jazz pianist Harris, leader of the Three Sounds
68. A people of Turtle Island who fought a war against invading Mormons
69. “48 \_\_”: Eddie Murphy film



## AN OPEN LETTER TO MEGHAN, DUCHESS OF SUSSEX

*Dear Ms. of Sussex,*

*We at Spartacus Books welcome you to our corner of Turtle Island. We noticed you seem to enjoy volunteering, and we think you might enjoy volunteering with us. We are a 100% volunteer-run, nonprofit bookshop that specializes in books on race, gender, ecology, anti-colonialism, history, film, art, and none of that tabloid trash you see in the supermarkets. We even have a nice children's section with some toys and musical instruments your kids can play with while you're on shift. We know you will love it here and look forward to receiving your application. But that's just a formality, of course. We accept you! One of us!*

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